

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : SEMMLINGER et al.  
Serial No. : 10/595,791  
Confirm. No. : 6743  
Filed : May 11, 2006  
For : FRICTION WELDING...  
Art Unit : 1793  
Examiner : Devang R. Patel  
Dated : December 11, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated August 13, 2008 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired November 13, 2008.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$1251 (fee code 130.00).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.